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Cathlynn Law, Pastor

Church of Mary Magdalene Choir to Sing at Sand Point CUMC

We will host the women from Church of Mary Magdalene on Sunday, February 20th. Their choir will participate in the Worship Service and all will be guests at a potluck brunch after church. We will want to sit with them at the round tables and hear their stories. It was a sermon by Pastor Cathy about Jesus and the hospitality he offered to all that inspired this invitation. Plan now to attend.



Soup Nights

6 p.m. — 4th Wednesday of the month
Perry Hall

January 26th, February 23rd & March 23rd

Want to help? Talk to Pastor Cathy or Nate Goldbloom.

Enrichment Hours— Meaningful Travel



Bob Houk will be the speaker, January 30th, sharing about Pilgrimage: an opportunity to deepen our walk with God. He will lead a discussion about his first pilgrimage. It may include a film segment of "Assisi Pilgrimage: Walking in faith with Francis and Clare". Please come to the Fireside Room after church on the 30th, and learn from a man who "walks the talk". Berta Cohen

Reflections from Pastor Cathy ...

*We are pilgrims on a journey. We are travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other. Walk the mile and bear the load.*
from Servant Song by Richard Gillard

*The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Lao Tzu
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. Psalm 61:2*

A few months back, Berta Cohen had a lovely idea for a few enrichment hours. Find a few people to talk about special places they have visited in the context of Pilgrimage. Joyce Hoffer and I just spoke about our travels to the Southwest, with Bob Houk & Sue Haas on board the next two Sundays. According to Webster's dictionary, a pilgrim is one who "journeys to foreign lands." The word pilgrim comes from the Latin *peregrinus*, meaning, "a wanderer or stranger." I would concur with the lyrics above, that we are ALL pilgrims on this journey of life, and one does not need to travel to foreign lands to be on a pilgrimage. In the book Sacred Travels: Recovering the Ancient Practice of Pilgrimage, author Christian George says: *Pilgrimage is a spiritual practice that reminds us of our sacred purpose - to grow closer to God. Pilgrimage is deeply rooted in the soil of the human soul. Life itself is a pilgrimage, and although most people recognize that they are on a journey, many travel without consciousness of their destination.* Perhaps the true challenge of the Christian life is to pay attention to the beauty around us, the sacred soil under our feet, the questions of our hearts, and the people around us.

What I know about myself is that if I can live with more attention to God's grace where I am rooted and grounded right now, I will have even that much more intention when I travel to lands far and near. So as I journey down under to New Zealand in just a week, I will take with me a deeper understanding of Pilgrimage. Jennifer Westwood writes in her book On Pilgrimage: Sacred Journeys around the World, *The step that takes us across the threshold on to the path of pilgrimage is momentous. We do not know where it will lead. We do not know who we will become on our sacred journey.* Let us continue the journey as we grow closer to God. Let us help each other walk the mile ahead, and be there for one another to bear the load. *We are all on a journey. The trail winds through this world, often obscured from view, but life's questions are answered along its gravel.* (Sacred Travels)

Journeying with you, Pastor Cathy

Calendar of Events:

Wednesday (Jan. 26)

Soup Night—6:00 p.m., Perry Hall
Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room
Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Friday (Jan. 28)

Movie Night—6:30 p.m., Perry Hall
AA—6:00 to 7:30 p.m., Youth Room

Saturday (Jan. 29)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Sunday (Jan. 30)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Fellowship Hour—immediately following worship, Perry
Enrichment Hour—11:20 a.m., Fireside Room
Book Study—6:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Monday (Jan. 31)

SANDPOINTER (*newsletter*) deadline, 12:00 noon
Children's Bell Choir—4:45 p.m., Choir Room

Tuesday (Feb. 1)

Men's Bible Study—10:00 a.m., Fireside Room
Missions Min. Team—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room
AA—7:30 p.m., Lehmann Hall (*aka Boys & Girls Club*)
Alanon—7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Wednesday (Feb. 2)

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (Feb. 3)

Women's Bible Study—10:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Friday (Feb. 4)

AA—6:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Saturday (Feb. 5)

Family Retreat—Lazy F Camp
Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Looking Ahead:

Fourth Sunday of Month —Tent City Dinner



**A Note from MFO
(Membership, Fellowship &
Outreach)**

The Birthday Calendar is posted in Perry Hall. See whose birthday is coming up in your Sand Point Church family.

A Request from the Custodians

Attn: Coffee Hosts and all using Perry Hall Kitchen: Your well intentioned generosity of leftover cookies and sweets is creating a message ~ “Calling All Ants”! Please take any leftovers with you after you have cleaned up the counters and the area around the sink. Thanks for you cooperation, Your SP Custodians.

Free Red Cross Shelter Training Offered

The American Red Cross is offering a free, one day shelter training on **February 12th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Wedgwood neighborhood.** With this training, you can assist the Red Cross during a major local disaster. Contact Theresa Edwards at 206-527-9977 to sign up.

**New Sign-up Sheet
for Altar Arrangements**

There is a new sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside Perry Hall. Anyone is welcome to sign-up. If you are signing up for a special date, please be sure to note on the chart the people / events you are honoring. Contact Sue Haas (206-522-0693) with questions.



SANDPOINTER deadlines:

Monday, January 31, 2011—12:00 noon
Monday, February 14, 2011—12:00 noon



Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who helped "Hang" and "Un-hang" the Greens during Advent and Christmas: Sylvia Abbott, Bill & Ana Eagen, Berta Cohen, Nate & Kessia Goldbloom, Roland Grober, Scott Haas, Joyce Hoffer, Marie Horsley, Laura & Emerson Kyle, Pastor Cathy Law, Jeremy Matheis, Dan McGrew, Jeff & Marsha Nemitz, Julie Peterson, Jack Praeger, Roland Pray, Jeff Ricco, Jane Stevens, Sainsbury Strack, and Paul & Sheri Vahey. We are most grateful!
Sue Haas & Marilyn Pray, Worship Team Co-Chairs



Notes from Nate

Over the last few weeks I have been taking a journey with John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist denomination. Through his sermons, journals and other writings he has been slowly convicting my heart about many topics like what to do with money, what makes a true Christian, and what is true faith. Through it all John always seems to come back to one thing- “class meetings.” These are in-depth small groups. These groups would not just read scripture, pray, or sing, but ask probing faith questions like: **“What is the state of your soul?”** This is a hard question to answer! John’s reason for asking questions like this is to remind us of what is important in our life and bring our focus to the eternal. As my own “class meeting” has asked me this exact question, it has helped me cut through all the distractions, clutter, and minor issues of every day life. Take a moment today, with someone else if possible, to ask and reflect on your soul and how the Spirit wants to invite you deeper into God’s love.

Movie Night: Jan 28th, 6:30 p.m., Perry Hall

Come enjoy the great new movie “Despicable Me” with family and friends on a humongous screen in Perry Hall. We will provide the popcorn! See you at the movies!

Family Retreat: Feb. 5th - 6th



The annual family get away to Lazy F in Eastern Washington is coming up! This great trip has inner tubing in the snow, great food, friends, and we will even work on a service project to help those in need.

To sign up please see Nate soon as space is limited.

Video Game Day: Feb. 13th, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Come join the fun after church down in the youth room. We will have multiple game systems, tournaments, prizes, snacks, and lots of fun! All ages and skills invited!

Family Game Night: March 5th, 4:30 to 6:30pm

Join other families as we fellowship with one another in preparation for Lent. We will have great food, games, and lots of kid friendly activities. Friends are welcome!



Jeremy’s Musical Notes

Learning and Growing in Faith Through Music

Calling singers and actors of **all** ages; announcing the first intergenerational musical. Grab your fishing pole and a friend and meet me down “by the old holler log!”

Sand Point Community United Methodist Church will be putting together a musical entitled, *Down by the Creek Bank*. This musical takes listeners into God’s creation through the imaginative essence of a child’s heart. Using Scriptural principles, the music and text will serve as a firm foundation for youth and adults alike.

Please email, call or speak directly with Jeremy Matheis if you are interested in being a part of this fun, musical and joyous production.

Jeremy’s contact info.: jdmatheis@hotmail.com or 206-819-6972